



## RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAKAIMACHI, IBARAKI PREFECTURE, JAPAN, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

WHEREAS, Sakaimachi, Japan is located on the western end of Ibaraki Prefecture, approximately 30 miles northeast of Tokyo; and

WHEREAS, Sakaimachi has expressed an interest in promoting friendly relations and ties with the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, a delegation from Sakaimachi, headed by the town's Mayor and including town and tourism board officials, first visited Honolulu in February 2016 and met with the City Mayor's Office and other local entities; and

WHEREAS, this initial outreach was followed in June 2017 by the dispatch of another delegation from Sakaimachi to Honolulu, a trip which featured discussions with elected officials regarding business development and future projects; and

WHEREAS, Sakaimachi began a practice, now ongoing, of purchasing hotel rooms in Waikiki as gifts for Japanese taxpayers who participate in the "hometown tax" program; and

WHEREAS, through a partnership with Royal Cosmetics, Sakaimachi capped off "Sakaimachi Week" by bringing the experience of traditional Japanese fireworks to the residents of Honolulu on June 4, 2017, with an impressive pyrotechnic display that lit up the sky over Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, Sakaimachi Week was once again celebrated in June 2018, with another dazzling fireworks show, and the town hopes it will continue to be celebrated in the City on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, officials from Sakaimachi have made multiple visits to Honolulu in 2018, including visits with the Mayor, the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, and Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Martin; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the deepening relationship between the two municipalities and the town's contributions to Honolulu's economy, the Council Chair proclaimed June 4, 2018 as "Sakaimachi Day"; and



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WHEREAS, Sakaimachi shares a multitude of common municipal public policy goals with Honolulu, including the promotion of tourism, the development of agricultural products, and the balancing of urban development with environmental protection; and

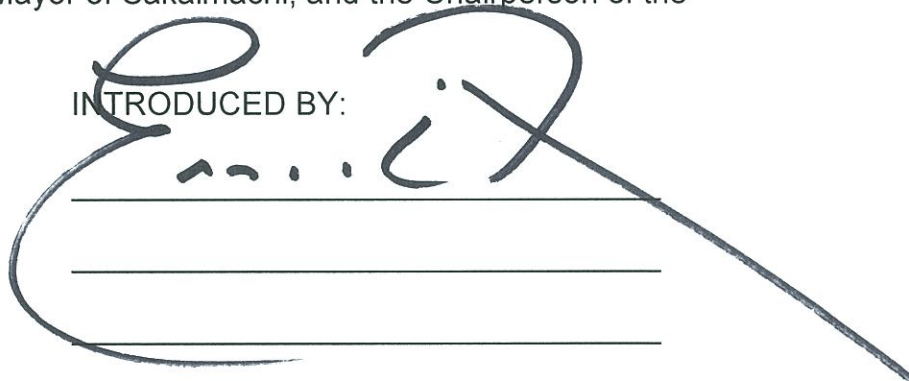
WHEREAS, the City Council welcomes the opportunity to establish a friendship city relationship with Sakaimachi, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the establishment of a friendship city relationship with Sakaimachi, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Council of the City and County of Honolulu is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Council of Sakaimachi, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, to formalize the friendship city relationship; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Mayor of Sakaimachi, and the Chairperson of the Council of Sakaimachi.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**AUG 28 2018**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 18-187

Introduced: 08/28/18 By: ERNEST MARTIN

Committee: COUNCIL

Title: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAKAIMACHI, IBARAKI PREFECTURE, JAPAN, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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CC-250 OZAWA – REFERRAL OF RESOLUTION FROM COMMITTEE ON BUDGET  
DIRECT TO COUNCIL FLOOR.

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09/12/18 COUNCIL


RESOLUTION 18-187 WAS ADOPTED.

8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MARTIN, MENOR,  
OZAWA, PINE.

1 ABSENT: MANAHAN.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER